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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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1. Introductory Comments

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Reply, as well as a Petition for a two-month extension of time and requisite fees. Applicants have included a Statement of Common Ownership, as well as a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), Revocation of Previous Power of Attorney, and New Power of Attorney by Assignee.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 15, 16, and 23-25 are allowed. Applicants kindly ask the Examiner to enter the amendments and consider the supporting arguments even though the case is on final (as permitted under 37 CFR 1.116(c)). Applicants note that the Examiner has introduced new 102(e) and 103(a) rejections and cited new art in support those rejections. In response, Applicants have amended claims 15, 16, 29, and 38 to place them in condition for allowance. In view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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